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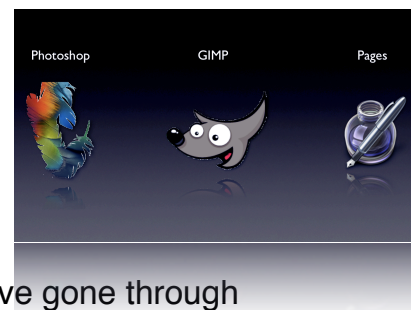


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Welcome to our online edition of SEU MUG. Through this newsletter you are able to receive subscriber-only material such as special notes from the Users Group leaders, Podcasts, and detailed step-by-step instructions with pictures of demos given during meetings. If you have any questions, comments, concerns or suggestions please send all e-mail to seumug@gmail.com.

This edition of SEU MUG online is a combination of our second, third, and fourth meetings. Our newsletter and logo have gone through some drastic changes since the last time we met. This week we focused on image manipulation and desktop publication tools and how to use them to our advantage.

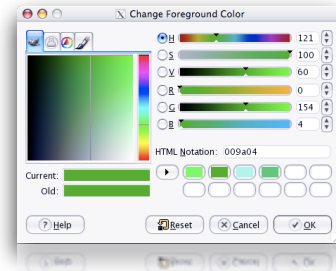


The software we discussed consisted of Photoshop, GIMP, and Pages. While Pages offers limited photo manipulation, it is still a great choice for desktop publishing.

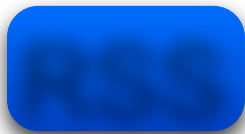


Since GIMP is nearly an exact copy of Photoshop, we suggest you download a copy of GIMP for free from www.gimp.org. Or if you are already used to the Photoshop menus and such, download a copy of Gimpshop from www.plasticbugs.com.

What you want to do before creating any images, is have in mind what you are designing for. Think of two to three colors that you think would suit the subject nicely and begin to build your color palette. If you find that you have a hard time designing ornamental items such as buttons or logos, try to “set the stage” with a simple background. Make sure that your background is complimentary to your main subject (i.e. button, logo, picture, etc.) utilizing colors and tones from your color palette.



Now that you have tools to create images and such, you should have somewhere to host them for people to subscribe to, and Flickr does the job. Flickr is a great way to host images on the web and to share them with your friends through RSS subscriptions. Visit Flickr.com for more information. There is a Flickr plug-in for iPhoto (Mac only) available at: www.connectedflow.com.



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